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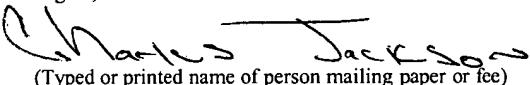
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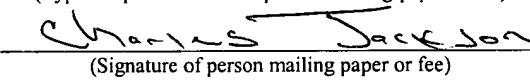
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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, after line 1, insert the following paragraph:

--Fig. 13 is a plane view showing a menu screen of categories.--